

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 36, 37, and 40-70 are pending and have been deemed allowable. The only outstanding issue is the rejection of claims 73 and 74 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Messerle et al., *J. Mol. Med.*, 74, Abstract No. 4, p. B8 (1996). Claims 73 and 74 have been cancelled, thereby mooting this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,



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